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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A cosmetic or dermatological preparation ~~with comprising~~ a content of an active ingredient combination, wherein the active ingredient comprises ~~of~~ at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof ~~and in combination with~~ at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine, creatine salts, and creatine esters, and derivatives thereof.

2. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof are~~ active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for the prophylaxis or treatment of an inflammatory skin condition or for the protection of sensitive or dry skin.

3. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof are~~ active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for the prophylaxis or treatment of the symptoms of intrinsic or extrinsic skin aging or of the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation on the skin.

4. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof are~~ active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for the treatment or prophylaxis of environmentally induced negative alterations of the skin or skin appendages.

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5. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof~~ are active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for the treatment or prophylaxis of pigmentation disorders.

6. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof~~ are active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for the treatment or prophylaxis of functional disorders of skin appendages.

7. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof~~ are active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for the enhancement of hair growth.

8. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof~~ are active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for increasing ceramide biosynthesis.

9. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof~~ are active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for strengthening the barrier function of the skin.

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10. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof~~ active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for the treatment or prophylaxis of disorders of the normal skin pH and of the osmolyte balance.

11. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof and the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof~~ active ingredient combination is present in an amount effective for the treatment or prophylaxis of deviations from the normal cell-cell communication in the skin.

12. (Original) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof is present in an amount from 0.1 to 10 wt%, based on the total weight of the preparation.

13. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 12, wherein the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine, ~~creatine salts, and creatine esters and derivatives thereof~~ is present in an amount from 0.1 to 10 wt%, based on the total weight of the preparation.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof is present in an amount from 0.1 to 1 wt% ~~and the at least one compound~~

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~~selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof is present in an amount from 0.1 to 3 wt%, based on the total weight of the preparation.~~

16. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatinine and derivatives thereof to the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine, creatine salts, and creatine esters ~~and derivatives thereof~~ is from 1:2 to 2:1.

17. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the creatine salts are present and are at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine and derivatives thereof ~~comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine phosphate, creatine sulfate, creatine acetate, and creatine ascorbate, and esters of creatine and mono- or polyfunctional alcohols.~~

18. (Currently amended) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine, creatine salts, and creatine esters ~~and derivatives thereof~~ comprises creatine phosphate.

19-33. (Withdrawn)

34. (New) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine, creatine salts, and creatine esters is present in an amount from 0.1 to 3 wt%, based on the total weight of the preparation.

35. (New) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein creatine esters are present and are selected from the group consisting of esters of creatine with mono- or polyfunctional alcohols.

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36. (New) A cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising a content of an active ingredient combination, wherein the active ingredient comprises creatinine in combination with at least one compound selected from the group consisting of creatine, creatine salts, and creatine esters.

37. (New) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 36, wherein the active ingredient comprises creatinine in combination with creatine.

38. (New) The cosmetic or dermatological preparation as claimed in claim 36, wherein the active ingredient comprises creatinine in combination with creatine phosphate.